

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

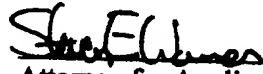
The specification has been amended to place the subject application in better form. A new abstract has also been presented in accordance with preferred practice. No new matter has been added by these changes.

Claims 1-27 are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 13, 14 and 25-27 are independent. Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 13-15, 18, 21, 23, 25 and 27 have been amended to clarify features of the invention. Support for these changes can be found in the application, as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-27 were previously allowed in this application. Applicant submits that the foregoing changes do not substantively affect the allowability of these claims. Applicant submits, therefore, that these claims should remain allowable and that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue are requested.

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